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THE TIMES furnishes its readers a  
supplement this week containing  
the President's message to Congress.

Isn't it about time for David B.  
Hill to again spring that old thread-  
bare joke, "I am a Democrat!"  
He will have to do something to  
keep his name before the public.

Poor old Standard Oil Trust!  
It made a dividend of only forty-  
eight million dollars last year, and  
has had to increase the price of re-  
fined oil one cent a gallon.

Yes, Marcus Aurelius, the elec-  
tion is over and the g. o. p. has  
gold-bricked the people again.  
You can go ahead now and pass  
your ship subsidy steel.

As President Roosevelt didn't  
succeed in getting within range of  
the elusive Mississippi bear, we  
suggest to him that there is a  
troublesome bear in the Pennsylv-  
ania anthracite region on which  
he might train his blunderbuss.

We don't see much difference  
between Senator Hanna's "let  
well enough alone" policy and  
President Roosevelt's raucous plan  
for a tariff commission. Either is  
a secure guarantee against tariff  
reduction.

Congressman Cannon of Illinois  
it is thought has a clutch on the  
speakership of the House of the  
next Congress. He is the sort of  
gun that is trained over the heads  
of the trusts and high tariff bene-  
ficiaries, but is warranted to hit  
the pockets of their victims, the  
people, every time.

Congress met at noon, Monday,  
Dec. 1st. All the Missouri Repre-  
sentatives were in their seats when  
the Speaker's gavel rapped for  
order at 12 o'clock. It is said the  
Republican side of both House and  
Senate fairly resembled a florist's  
show window, the desks of all the  
leading Republicans being banked  
with flowers.

Representative J. J. Butler, who  
was elected to Congress from the  
12th district in St. Louis, has had  
formal notice of contest served on  
him by Geo. C. Wagoner, the de-  
feated Republican candidate. The  
notice charges false registration,  
falsifying records, conspiracy and  
a connivance on the part of elec-  
tion judges and clerks.

Congressman Lound of California  
was defeated at the late general  
election. We haven't heard of any  
newspaper weeping over his dis-  
comfiture. Every year for several  
terms of Congress he has kept the  
newspapers on a hot griddle in his  
attempt to reform and retrench  
post office expenditures at their ex-  
pense through their second-class  
mail privileges. His voice won't  
be so loud from the seclusion of  
private life as it was in the halls of  
Congress.

## MORE ABOUT SPELLING.

"A Modern Teacher," whose  
article we reproduced from the  
Bonne Terre Register, takes the  
editor of THE TIMES to task for  
presuming to comment on the re-  
sult of an entrance examination of  
pupils from the New York public  
schools applying for admission to  
the Northwestern University, and  
of Prof. Clark's deduction from  
the showing. He disposes of Prof.  
Clark by characterizing him as a  
"sensational Northwestern Univer-  
sity professor." We believe, how-  
ever, that Prof. Clark is recog-  
nized among men of learning as  
one of the most advanced educa-  
tors of to-day, and he attributes  
the poor spelling to what is de-  
nominated the "word" method of  
teaching orthography. But a test  
was also recently made in one of  
our State Normal schools with  
similar results, it is said: out of  
a list of 150 words only 40 per cent.  
of the pupils succeeded in spelling  
correctly 130 of them. Results are  
the test of a system.

Which reminds us that "Modern  
Teacher" makes a test—or rather,  
a comparison—between a man who  
"spelled at the head of his class"  
under the old method, and a third-  
year-old boy who learned under  
the "word" method and who  
corrected a notice written by the  
former. It is certainly clear that

the man whose crude notice is  
given had very limited school ad-  
vantages, and notwithstanding his  
assertion could never have "spelled  
at the head of his class" even in  
the most remote backwoods district  
school. The boy is a most remark-  
able child, not only for his correct  
orthography, but for his knowl-  
edge of the construction of good  
English, his punctuation and his  
intimate acquaintance with legal  
forms, as shown by his originat-  
ing a caption for the notice—  
"Taken Up"—which did not ap-  
pear in the copy given him. Yes,  
he is a very remarkable child—  
one out of a hundred if not an iso-  
lated prodigy. With his 100 per  
cent. record he puts to shame the  
40 per cent. of pupils who suc-  
ceeded in spelling 130 out of 150  
given words, to say nothing of  
the other 60 per cent. who failed  
to make a record worth mention-  
ing, as well as a good many "mod-  
ern teachers," the compositions of  
some of whom have come under  
our observation. His remarkable  
performance proves too much for  
the "word" method.

"Modern Teacher" says "Spell-  
ing is learned by constant, intelli-  
gent drill and practice." In this  
he strikes at the root of the sub-  
ject, and the old method in vogue  
during the editor's school days did  
just what he approves; and it was  
under this method that the editor  
learned to spell and not "at the  
case," though his occupation has  
kept him in pretty fair practice.  
But when and where shall this  
drilling be done, if not in the  
school room, and can it be success-  
fully done by the "word" method  
alone? "Modern Teacher" says he  
has "no objection to the old  
method, but the new must go with  
it." We have no doubt that the  
new is a complement to the old is  
an improvement; but the old must  
be practiced to make it so.

We are proud of our modern  
schools, of the advancement in  
methods of teaching that have been  
made, and of the better opportu-  
nities that are enjoyed by the chil-  
dren of to-day than fell to those of  
twenty or even twenty-five years  
ago; but we must not wax im-  
patient and get a "bad spell" on  
us if little defects are sometimes  
pointed out and discussed. We  
have not reached perfection yet;  
and it will not do to discard a  
method that is good simply because  
it is old, nor persist in a new  
method if it is not good.

We are glad to have aroused  
some interest on this subject, for  
we regard correct spelling as a  
very important stone in the struc-  
tural foundation of a good educa-  
tion; and as "Modern Teacher" is  
sure that "pedagogical orthography  
is a subject that he (the editor)  
knows but little about," we hope  
that he and other teachers who do  
know something about it will dis-  
cuss and arouse an interest in it  
that will result in better records  
than those made by the New York  
and Missouri public school pupils.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Criminal cases disposed of:  
Ellis Coffman, lwd and lascivious  
conduct; tried by jury and ver-  
dict of not guilty.

Joseph Lysack et al., malicious  
trespass; trial of four defendants  
and verdict of not guilty.

Ben O'Dell, carrying concealed  
weapons, etc.; verdict of guilty on  
second count and punishment fixed  
at five days in jail.

Fluis Blackwell, larceny from  
dwelling house; plea of guilty and  
punishment assessed at twenty days  
in county jail.

Elijah Cayce, assault; trial by  
jury and verdict of guilty returned  
and defendant given two years in  
the penitentiary.

Ed Dixon, assault with intent to  
kill; trial by jury, conviction of  
common assault and fine of one  
hundred dollars.

Less Ross, stealing from dwelling  
house; dismissed by the State.

John Hughes, grand larceny;  
dismissed by the State.

J. A. Bryan, murder; copy of  
indictment served on defendant's  
counsel, formal arraignment waived  
and plea of not guilty entered.

A number of cases for selling  
liquor on Sunday and other minor  
offenses set for dates in January.

Ballard's Horchound Syrup.  
Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy  
cough, oppressed, rasping and difficult  
breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Drug-  
gist, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, writes,  
May 20, 1901: "I have been selling  
Ballard's Horchound Syrup for two  
years, and have never had a preparation  
that gives better satisfaction. I notice  
that when I sell a bottle, they come  
back for more. I can honestly recom-  
mend it 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 at City  
Drug Store."

Willie Newberry, the 15-year-old  
son of Dr. Newberry at Frederick-  
town accidentally shot himself on  
the 29th ult., tearing away nearly  
the whole of one side of his face  
and one eye. He was taken to a  
St. Louis hospital, but his recovery  
is very doubtful.

Flord Riffing of Fredericktown  
was shot and killed on the night  
of the 27th ult. at the home of  
Mrs. Amanda Turley. The motive  
as to the cause are given.

## Grand Clearing Sale

### Millinery

GOODS AWAY BELOW COST.



To make room for our immense  
stock of Spring Millinery. We are  
now conducting a clearing sale of  
all Fall and Winter stock, and

EVERYTHING WILL GO BELOW COST

Come Early and Get Your Choice.

**Fletcher & Miller.**

Farmington, Missouri.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Marvin Luther Keith, youngest child  
of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Keith of Bonne  
Terre, Mo., was born at Big River  
Mills, St. Francois county, Mo., Sept.  
26th, 1870; died from the effects of  
a gunshot wound near Carlwell, Mo.,  
Nov. 17, 1902, and was buried from  
the M. E. Church, South, at Bonne  
Terre, Mo., Nov. 19th, Rev. A. S.  
Coker officiating, and the Masonic  
assistants by the Knights of Pythias  
fraternity, holding the service at the  
grave.

As is already so well known, this  
promising young life went out in a  
most unexpected and shocking man-  
ner, through the accidental shot of a  
fellow-huntsman, accentuating as it  
does the uncertainty of life and the  
unsuspected danger of hunting in com-  
panies. A gloom was cast over the  
community, such as has scarcely ever  
before been known, and the sympathy  
for the sorely bereaved loved ones has  
been most sincere and affectionate. One  
of the saddest features of this death was  
the fact that he was soon to have been  
wedded, and between him and his be-  
loved there was the most genuine and  
strong affection.

The town of Bonne Terre loses one  
of its most exemplary, manly and use-  
ful young men. As a member of the  
milling firm of Keith & Moran, he was  
most industrious and assiduous in his  
attention to his business, and an ex-  
ample to others as a hard worker. He  
lived at home with his widowed mother  
and sister, and was most attentive  
and faithful in his devotion to them.  
He possessed many of the traits of his  
lamented father, kindly, unassuming,  
consistent, straight-forward in all his  
dealings, and every ready to lend a  
helping hand to every worthy cause.

He detested all shame, and had little  
patience with professions which did  
not have back of them steadfastness  
and consistency. Marvin was loved  
by all who knew him, for they could  
not but recognize in him the highest  
moral worth, the truest friend and  
most reliable citizen.

Everything possible was done to  
save him, and when he saw that he  
must die he deliberately and quietly  
gave instructions about his business  
and sent loving messages to his rela-  
tives and friends. He assured his  
companions with him that while it was  
hard to die away from home, and he  
longed to see the dear ones far away,  
he was not afraid to die. To the  
frantic comrades, who fired the unfor-  
tunate shot, he spoke words of comfort  
and assured him of his friend-  
ship and forgiveness. He who had al-  
ways met life's issues in a firm and  
quiet way, now met the issues of the  
last moment in the same spirit.

We are reminded afresh in this  
death of the fragility of life, with  
his shocking experiences, its mysteries

providences. Our attitude must be  
one of silence, of trust and resignation.  
We cannot charge the Almighty Father  
with the results of our planning and  
choosing, but we can, through His  
grace, transmute all the saddest and  
most mysterious results of life into  
spiritual good and blessing. And all  
who love and trust Him have the pre-  
cious promise verified, in that all  
things, the saddest as well as the most  
joyous, do work together for good.

The wish of the writer for himself  
and all the friends of Marvin is, that  
sad as has been this awful and sudden  
sorrow, we may, through it all, be  
more sensible than ever to the realities  
and the influences of the unseen world  
beyond us, and that we may live so as  
to be ever ready for its dawnings.

## Declamatory Contest.

The Declamatory Contest given un-  
der the auspices of the "Good Tem-  
plars" for the purpose of furnishing  
their hall, promises to be an interest-  
ing entertainment. There will be 8  
or 10 contestants: two prizes will be  
given—one for the ladies and one for  
the gentlemen. The Farmington Or-  
chestra, assisted by local talent, will  
furnish music for the occasion. The  
date is set for Dec. 6th. Everybody  
should attend, hear a good program  
and help a good cause. Admission  
25 cents.

## PROGRAM.

Music—Farmington Orchestra  
A String Quartet—Minnie L. McDaniel,  
Hate of the Bowl—Belle DeGrand,  
Music—Orchestra  
The Brave Boy—Mac Stroup  
Quartet—Mrs. Harry Kapp, Miss  
Maggie Menke, Robt. Forsythe, and  
W. E. Elliott.  
Water—Rum—James Stroup  
The Pace on the Floor—D. D. Killam  
Music—Orchestra  
Over the Hills to the Poor House—  
Carl Stevenson  
College Oil Cans—Arthur Humphreys  
and Calvin Hoy.  
Music—Quartet  
Decision of judges.  
Presentation of prizes.

## Notice.

All parties who hold accounts  
against the Farmington Electric Light  
and Ice Company will please present  
the same to B. H. Marbury for prompt  
payment.

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LIGHT AND ICE CO.

For Sale—Beautiful home, in south-  
ern suburb of Farmington, containing  
10 acres. Easy Terms. Apply to Clay,  
Buck & Fleming.

It will pay you to see that neck-  
wear booth at the Presbyterian bazaar,  
Dec. 11.

## THE CHILDREN are always

Glad to See Santa Claus

HIS HEADQUARTERS

are at

**HELBER'S NEW  
TOY STORE.**

Mr. Helber purchased his  
whole stock of Toys in the  
East, and consequently can  
sell much cheaper than others.

**THE STORE IS NOW OPEN**

**AND THE STOCK IS**

**THE LARGEST EVER BROUGHT TO FARMINGTON.**

You are cordially invited to attend

## The Bazaar

given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the  
Presbyterian Church,

Thursday Afternoon and  
Evening, Dec. 11, 1902,

in the room over Berzog's Shoe Store.

Admission and Concert free.

## SCHOOLS AND HEALTH.

Carleton College Specially Com-  
mended by High Authority.

The United States Health Bulle-  
tin, an authority on health, sanitation  
and hygiene, early in the ses-  
sion made a wide investigation into  
the sanitary and hygienic status of  
schools throughout the country,  
and in an article on the subject in  
its issue of Sept. 10th, singles out  
Carleton College for special men-  
tion and commendation. It says:  
"The United States Health Bul-  
letin has had occasion to examine  
into this subject quite extensively  
during the past few months, and  
if some of the facts that have come  
to our notice during these investi-  
gations were generally known, we  
believe that prospective patrons  
would be shocked at the unsani-  
tary conditions existing at some of  
the highest priced and most fash-  
ionable schools."

"These investigations have been  
made without the instigation of  
the proprietors, and generally with-  
out their knowledge, consequently  
they are absolutely unbiased and  
unprejudiced."

"Among the schools that met  
with the general approval of the  
experts investigating these matters  
for us, and which we have no hesi-  
tation in recommending to our  
readers, is the Carleton College,  
Farmington, Mo."

"We know nothing about the  
course of study at this school, for  
it is of no interest to us, but if  
the same care is taken with the  
mental welfare of the pupil as is  
shown and plainly shown to be  
taken with the physical, we feel  
that it deserves the support of par-  
ents and the encouragement of the  
public."

## Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the  
household, which cause burns, cuts,  
sprains and bruises; for use in such  
cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has  
for many years been the constant fa-  
vorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and  
\$1.00 at City Drug Store.

## Concerning Profanity.

Reader, Jesus was the best friend  
our poor old humanity ever had.  
He lived for but one purpose—to  
make us better and happier, and at  
last, He died a martyr to the truth  
which, out of His love for us, He  
could not desert. And how un-  
grateful it is to take that noble  
man's name upon your lips and  
blow it around as you do the froth  
from your beer!

That name is worthy of a more  
respectful treatment at your hands.  
You should be ashamed to use it  
as you do!

But quite apart from all this the  
fact remains that words are the  
symbols of our thoughts, hopes and  
nobler ideals, and to lightly treat  
the symbols of these thoughts,  
hopes and ideals is to lightly treat,  
and eventually to despise, our bet-  
ter selves.

Profanity of speech leads logi-  
cally to profanity of thought and  
deed, and the man that has no re-  
verence for the symbol is in danger  
of losing his reverence for the  
thing of which the symbol is the  
reflection.

It is as sure as anything can be  
in this world that the young boys  
growing up today with the habit of  
profane swearing fixed upon them  
will not have as much faith in  
themselves and in the world, as  
much hope for the future or as  
much beauty in the present, as their  
forefathers had, who were taught to  
hold the high name in reverence  
and to speak of their high hopes in  
a low voice and with bowed head.

We cannot afford to lose our re-  
verence. Between our skyscrapers  
and our sky-reaching aspirations  
the latter are of far the more value.

We could get along first rate  
without skyscrapers—in fact, for a  
long time we did get along with-  
out them very nicely—but without  
the great thoughts and hopes we are  
at best but a lot of greedy, savage  
dogs fighting over the poor little  
bones of this little animal existence.

"The words of our mouth" as  
well as the "meditations of our  
heart" should always be such as  
to be acceptable in the best com-  
pany.

And by the best company is  
meant not the be powdered, be  
jeweled favorites of fortune known  
as "society," but the company of  
clean-hearted, clean-minded men  
and women that constitute the real  
aristocracy of God.—Chicago Amer-  
ican.

## He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 218 S. 3d Street, Sah  
Lake City, writes: "I have been  
bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion  
for 21 years. I tried many without  
relief, but I have found a cure in Bar-  
lett's Horchound Syrup. I am now  
in good health, and I am able to do my  
work as usual. I am sure that you  
are curing them too. 50c at City Drug  
Store."

## Farmington Takes Three.

The Farmington ten pin team rolled  
the Doe Run Buckeyes off their feet  
last Thursday night on the Farming-  
ton alleys and took all three games.  
Blackwell made the highest average,  
168%.

The score was as follows:

BUCKEYES.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.	Avg.
Dr. Gillespie	118	145	159	422	140%
Coffield	161	177	151	489	163%
P. P. Graves	111	109	108	328	109%
Zimmerman	169	168	171	508	169%
Dr. Graves	139	150	209	500	166%
Cleveland			110	110	110%
	675	749	699	2123	

## Bad Spelling.

From the Bonne Terre Democrat-Register.  
Mr. Theo. Fisher, the venerable  
editor of the "Times," has, in his  
veteran experience as a news gatherer,  
run out of things to write about, so in  
casting around for something to say, in  
order to fill space, he has ventured out  
into the field of pedagogical orthog-  
raphy, a subject, (judging from his re-  
marks) that he knows but little about.  
The burden of his argument is, re-  
turn to the old methods of teaching  
spelling. He has heard something  
from a sensational North Western  
University professor about bad spell-  
ers.

The old fashioned way of teaching  
reading and spelling was to commence  
with the blue back spelling book. It  
usually took two years to learn enough  
to attempt to read. The class was  
called twice a day, and the words  
were "given out." Now, the teach-  
ers are so industrious that they com-  
mence with the reading book and  
teach spelling, reading, writing,  
language, and numbers, or arithmetic,  
from the beginning. They have not  
discharged the old way, that Bro.  
Fisher clamors for, but have suppli-  
mented it so ingeniously that they teach  
more spelling in a month than the old  
masters taught in a year. Besides, the  
child is able to write and express his  
thoughts intelligently. Teachers now  
have the spelling lesson written, to  
teach spelling. The oral lesson teach-  
es incidentally, but its object is to teach  
pronunciation. When we leave school  
we have to write our words correctly,  
but orally we have only to pronounce  
them. So teaching is now done for  
practical benefit and culture of the  
child. Where one child learned in the  
olden time hundreds learn now. As  
a sample of old style spelling, we give  
this from the pen of a man who told  
us that he spelled at the head of his  
class.

There have been a sorrow more, with a  
black male calf, around my place since  
July. The male has four white feet, white  
feet with black markings on the hind  
feet and white mane and tail.  
I have been feeding him two weeks or so  
and he would have died.

To show the difference between  
the old and new, we had a thirteen  
year old pupil to correct the above,  
and we give it as the boy wrote it.  
We have no objection to using the old  
method but the new must go with it  
as is shown from the following:

## TAKEN UP.

There has been a sorrow more, with a  
black male calf, around my place since  
July. The male has four white feet, white  
feet with black markings on the hind  
feet and white mane and tail.  
I have been feeding him two weeks or so  
and he would have died.

Had it not been for this, both would have  
died.  
Iron Mountain, Mo., Nov. 1902.

The bad spellers that Bro. Fisher  
speaks of, are caused by laziness on  
the part of some teachers and pupils  
and do not come as a result of the  
methods employed. Spelling is  
learned by constant, intelligent drill  
and practice. We learn to do by  
doing. Editor Fisher knows how he  
learned to spell. It was not by spell-  
ing his "ab, abe" but by necessity in  
the printing office forced him to learn.  
Spelling becomes mechanical to an  
editor. The muscles, machine-like,  
spell the words. When Mr. Fisher  
went to school only a few were educated,  
now the humblest child in the land can  
have a polished high school education  
without cost. All this is the result of  
Modern School methods and sentiment.  
School methods are based on applied  
principles enunciated by such great  
spirits as Horace Mann and David  
Pigeon.

## A MODERN TEACHER.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Dockwell, aged 35 years,  
checked to death early yesterday  
morning at his home, in the presence  
of his wife and child. He contracted  
a slight cold a few days ago and paid  
but little attention to it. Yesterday  
morning he was seized with a fit of  
coughing which continued for some  
time. His wife sent for a physician  
but before he could arrive, another  
coughing spell came on and Dockwell  
died from asphyxiation.—St. Louis  
Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901."

Ballard's Horchound Syrup would have  
saved him. 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at City  
Drug Store.

Feather sewers are reported  
at several places in the Southwest.



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For Ladies and Misses  
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Candies, Bon Bons, Nuts.  
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Wooden Wares, etc.

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